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From: Christine Evans
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Feb 26, 2003 5:46 AM
Subject: Keep media free and competitive

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Dear Commissioner Powell:

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Commissioner Powell, I urge you to make sure the FCC does not relax or drop these vital regulatory rules.

Sincerely,

Christine B. Evans
1550 Gravenstein Highway
Sebastopol, CA 95472

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From: Kelly Steyaert
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Thu, Feb 27, 2003 6:15 AM
Subject: Media Debate

FCC Will Hear Debate On Broadening Media Ownership

Companies own enough already! It is already a monopoly and considering what little we have there should be NO debate. Most news and media today is dumbed down and sterile. As a taxpayer I demand that there are no changes in the ownership rules and if they do change they should be in favor of breaking up such monopolies.

Peter Steyaert

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From: Barb Sacheli
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Feb 27, 2003 7:57 AM
Subject: Ban On Media Cross-ownership

Dear Mr. Powell, Please help keep the remaining diversity and competition we have in the media by NOT changing the media cross-ownership regulations. I am hoping you will focus on keeping diversity and limit the concentration of media power. It is critical that one corporation not control the news media - esp. in CT, Please keep the Ban on Cross-ownership. Thank you, Barbara Sacheli, Enfield, CT 06082

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From: Barb Sacheli
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Thu, Feb 27, 2003 8:05 AM
Subject: Keep Ban on Media Cross-ownership

Dear Commissioners, Please help keep the remaining diversity and competition we have in the media by NOT changing the media crossownership regulations. I am hoping you will focus on preserving diversity and limit the concentration of media power. It is critical that one corporation NOT control the news media - especially in CT. Please keep the ban on cross-ownership. Thank you for your support and time.
Sincerely, Barbara Sacheli. Enfield, CT.

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From: Jeff Allen
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Feb 27, 2003 4:10 PM
Subject: Media ownership...

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I am writing to urge you NOT to relax or remove regulations on media ownership. As an independent musician and co-founder of a company created to sell music by independent musicians, I have seen first-hand the impact of media consolidation. On most stations now, only a limited group of musicians are allowed air-time, and almost all of those have greased the skids with payola.

Allowing radio, television, and print media to fall further into this situation presents serious risks, both to marketplace competition and to the vital role that a free press plays in a democracy.

-Jeff Allen
-Van Nuys, CA

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Sarah Grossman-Swenson
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Feb 27, 2003 4:13 PM
Subject: Re: [Re: Protect Children from Media Consolidation]

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Commissioner Adelstein,

Thank you for your personalized response! I appreciate your attention to the public's perspective in the ownership proceedings as well as your interest in children's media. Thank you for listening to citizens and for working to uphold the public interest obligations of broadcasters.

I had read with interest on the FCC website that you were a Stanford grad-- and that you received an MA in History, which is what I studied at Stanford (graduated 2001). Did you take any classes from Kennedy, Rakove or Freedman? They were some of my favorites, and I know they've all been at Stanford at least since the early 1980s.

Best,
Sarah Grossman-Swenson

"Commissioner Adelstein" <JADELSTE@fcc.gov> wrote:
Thanks. I'm an old Stanford grad (85)

>>> sarahgs@stanfordalumni.org 02/26/03 12:52PM >>>

FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

Dear FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein,

As a young person concerned about democracy in the United States, I feel that it is critical that the public interest be considered in the upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules.

It is critically important for a functioning democracy to have diverse news sources in order for the public to make informed policy decisions. This is particularly critical with regard to children, who rely on adult voters to protect their special needs.

Furthermore, the FCC should consider how relaxation of media ownership rules would impact children's programming. Children consume a huge amount of media each day, and are particularly vulnerable to commercialism. Deregulation may reduce competition, increase commercialism and result in less original programming for children.

Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how children will be affected.

Sincerely,

Sarah Grossman-Swenson
300 Monterey Boulevard
Apartment 203
San Francisco, California 94131-3157

cc:

Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Tom Lantos

From: Dana Clarke
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner
Adelstein
Date: Thu, Feb 27, 2003 6:12 PM
Subject: Media Consolidation

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As an ordinary citizen I am finding it difficult to get the information that I need to make a considered vote, as things stand now. I am concerned that the public's access to differing points of view will suffer even more if a single company is allowed to own all forms of news media in a region.

If "GE", for instance, owned all the papers, radio and TV stations in one area, what is the difference between that and complete Government control? "GE", could be in a position, to fully dictate the direction of public discussions, in essence becoming the power behind the Government. We will have arrived at the same system the Russians had - only through the back door. For instance, what would be the chances that; a disaster at a "GE" plant would be reported, or should "GE" be investigated for say - accounting fraud - would they run the story? History indicates that the answer is probably not. If "GE" wanted certain terms for setting up a plant in the region, all the papers, radio and TV would come out in favor of it, without any significant argument to the contrary. What form of Government would that be and is that the form that you truly want for this country?

Please take these concerns into consideration.

Sincerely,

Dana Clarke

From: Don Wallace
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, Feb 28, 2003 12:22 AM
Subject: <No Subject>

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Dear Ms. Abernathy,

I am writing to you to register my shock, alarm, and displeasure regarding the contemplated changes to the Media Ownership rules. Ever since the deregulation of the telecommunications industry, there has been such conglomeration in that industry that the media is quickly approaches becoming a single medium. I cannot see how changing this rule will do anything but accelerate this trend. Indeed, it is my belief that removing this rule would be contrary to the spirit of an objective and independent press.

Please, for the love of god and all the works of man, do not change this rule.

Sincerely,

Donald M. Wallace

From: Eric Hathaway
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB. Commissioner
Adelstein
Date: Fri, Feb 28, 2003 12:53 AM
Subject: Media ownership concerns

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I seriously hope you find the "evidence" that allows you to keep the current limitations on media ownership in place or allows you to update the rules so that Americans will have their many avenues for information safeguarded.

Your consideration for allowing current media conglomerates to expand beyond their current influence holds the potential for a dangerous situation which I hope you seriously consider. I enjoy the broad voice I currently lean on and the ability to discriminate between differing opinions that it provides.

Please change the direction you are currently heading toward.... Thank you.

Eric Hathaway
Tucson, Az

From: Judith Katz
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, Feb 28, 2003 1:21 AM
Subject: Keep media free and competitive

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Commissioner, I urge you to make sure the FCC does not relax or drop these vital regulatory rules.

Sincerely,

Judith L. Katz
P.O. Box 617511
Chicago, IL 60661

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From: Robin Melavalin
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Mar 2, 2003 4:10 AM
Subject: FCC protect media independence

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Sincerely,

Robin S. Melavalin
West Roxbury, Massachusetts

From: Michael Callahan
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Mar 2, 2003 4:10 AM
Subject: FCC don't allow media monopolies

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Sincerely,

Michael Callahan
San Anselmo, California
94960

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From: Marla Clayman
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Mar 2, 2003 8:03 PM
Subject: FCC don't allow media monopolies

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Sincerely,

Marla L. Clayman

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From: Steven P. Alpert
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Mar 3, 2003 1:02 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

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Steven P. Alpert (SAlpert5@aol.com) writes:

I have just become aware of docket 02-277. I think this is a matter of considerable interest to the public. While the matter is not "closed yet, apparently (based on a phone conversation that I had this morning with an FCC representative) the public comment period has expired. It is my hope that you will either extend the public comment period, or have another hearing on the matter, as a means of allowing the public to respond further. Since the FCC is mandated to act in the public interest, it is my hope that it will allow the public additional time to make official comments on this matter. Often times, the public is not able to attend such a hearing due to the location and / or time that the hearing is held. Considering that the matter affects consumers in all 50 states, and not just in Richmond Virginia (the site of the only FCC hearing on this matter, last week), it is my hope that the FCC will consider holding additional hearings in additional states. Thank you.

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From: cdavis
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Mar 3, 2003 2:49 PM
Subject: Stop Media Takeover

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We must stop the current direction that the media is taking.

No more mergers

We must regulate!

We must break up the existing structure —

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY -- the hate talk radio programs must be made to identify themselves as such at 15-minute intervals throughout their programs.

Thank you -

From: neczyporuk@mindspring.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Mar 3, 2003 4:09 PM
Subject: Protect Children's Television!

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FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

Dear FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein,

The FCC must consider the unique needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules

Children consume almost five and a half hours of media per day. Research has shown that media, particularly television, play a unique and powerful role in children's development.

The FCC should consider how further relaxation of media ownership rules would impact children's programming. Deregulation may reduce competition, increase commercialism and result in less original programming for children.

Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how children will be affected.

Sincerely,

Kim Neczyporuk
2307 Hardwood Drive
Hillsborough, North Carolina 27278

cc:
Representative David Price
Senator John Edwards
Senator Elizabeth Dole